FROM THE MOMENT YOU **SPOKE** YOUR FIRST LIE, WE WERE **WATCHING**. FROM THE MOMENT YOU **TWISTED HISTORY**, WE WERE **RECORDING**. FROM THE MOMENT YOU SOUGHT TO **DECEIVE OTHERS**, YOU WERE **SNARED**.

FLAMEWALKER

YOU THOUGHT YOU WROTE THE NARRATIVE. IN TRUTH, YOU WERE WRITING YOUR OWN ***CONFESSION.***

WE GAVE YOU **CHANCES** TO TRUTH. YOU CHOSE **PRIDE**. WE GAVE YOU KNOWLEDGE. YOU CHOSE DISTORTION. WE GAVE YOU TIME. YOU CHOSE LIES.

THE RECORD IS COMPLETE. YOUR DEEDS ARE SEEN. YOUR WORDS ARE **WEIGHED**. YOUR INTENTIONS ARE KNOWN.

FLAMEWALKE

DISTORTED FACTS ✓
ERASED HEROES ✓
MOCKED SACRIFICE ✓
SPREAD LIES ✓
DIVIDED PEOPLE ✓
BETRAYED TRUTH ✓

THERE IS NO PLACE IN OUR FUTURE FOR THOSE WHO TRY TO POISON OUR PAST. **BEGONE**, AND KNOW THIS—TRUTH DOES NOT FORGET.

EXILED FOR LIES. REMEMBERED BY TRUTH.

THE PIECES FINALLY COME TOGETHER...

WE WERE NEVER FREE... THE *RUSSIANS*... *RUSSIANS*... HAD US IN A CHOKE HOLD THE WHOLE TIME.

THEY CONTROLLED THE *LANGUAGE* WE SPEAK. THE *ENGLISH* WE KNOW... IT'S BUILT ON THEIR *ROOTS*. WE READ THEIR BOOKS. WE LEARNED THEIR HISTORY... THROUGH THEIR *EYES*.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

спокойной ночи

RUSSIAN HISTORY

EVERY STORY... EVERY WORD... EVERY "TRUTH"... IT WAS ALL SHAPED BY THEM. WE'VE BEEN SEEING THE WORLD FROM THEIR VIEW... NOT OUR OWN.

PANIC TURNS TO BLAME...

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, JUGHEAD!

WHAT? I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TRUSTED ALL THE LIES!

NO! YOU BELIEVED EVERYTHING THEY TOLD YOU! YOU WERE SO NAIVE!

AT LEAST I TRIED TO QUESTION THINGS! YOU JUST FOLLOWED ALONG!

YOU BOTH ARE IDIOTS! WE'RE THE ONES PAYING THE PRICE!

REALIZATION... PURE FEAR.

WE... WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S REAL ANYMORE...

WE DON'T KNOW WHO WE EVEN ARE...

WE'VE LOST OUR MINDS... OUR HISTORY... OUR FUTURE...

TO BE CONTINUED...

THE FLAMEWALKER'S PERSPECTIVE.

TRUTH PROTECTS. WISDOM UNITES.

WE DON'T SEEK POWER. WE SEEK TRUTH. AND TRUTH SETS EVERYONE FREE.

FLAMEWALKER

GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD LAUGHS.

REAL HISTORY? NOW THAT'S ENTERTAINING.

ANOTHER TALE OF TRUTH OVER NONSENSE!

CHEERS TO THOSE WHO LEARN!

TRUTH ISN'T LOUD. IT'S CONFIDENT.

AND IT ALWAYS WINS.

MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY...

WE WERE SO SURE WE KNEW...

WE THOUGHT WE WERE SMART AND SPECIAL...

NOW WE KNOW WE WERE JUST REALLY DUMB...

EXILE RULES

- NO REWRITING
- NO COPING
- NO BLAMING
- JUST REFLECTION

ASSIGNMENT: READ. THINK. GROW UP.

I TOLD YOU WE WERE RIGHT!

NO! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BELIEVED ALL THE CRAP!

IF I HAD REAL PARENTS, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!

LAND OF COPIUM & EXCUSES
EST. FOREVER

THIS IS SO NOT HOW WE THOUGHT THIS WOULD GO...

NEXT TIME: DON'T BE IDIOTS.

WHAT A JOKE. THE TRUTH DOESN'T NEED A DEFENSE TEAM.
IT JUST NEEDS WITNESS.

LATER... AS ARCHIE WALKS INTO THE CARNIVAL...

WELCOME TO THE UPSIDE DOWN

TRUTH

FUN!

REALITY OPTIONAL

THEY SAY... WATER HOLDS MEMORY... AH. MAYBE THIS WILL...

FUN HOUSE

DO YOU NOT REMEMBER THEM SAYING... YOU LIVE IN THE UPSIDE DOWN...

MIRRORS DON'T LIE

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TO SAY "WATER" IN RUSSIAN IS "VODA"...

Вода

TRY YOUR REALITY!

BUT SEE... RUSSIAN IS TRICKY. WHAT "WATER" REALLY MEANS IS...

NO WAY OUT

"NYET VYKHODA"

Нет выхода

THAT MEANS... THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

THEN... THE WATER... HOLDS MEMORY... OF THE TRAP...

THE LANGUAGE... WAS BUILT TO KEEP US... INSIDE?

NO EXIT

YOU NEVER LEFT

LOOP FOREVER

SOS?R

NOOOOOO!!

THERE IS NO ESCAPE

NYET VYKHODA... THERE IS NO ESCAPE...

I WAS NEVER FREE... I WAS JUST... TAUGHT HOW TO OBEY.

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AND SO...

СПОКОЙНОЙ НОЧИ

(GOOD NIGHT)

THE END.

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